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Application No.: PCT/US04/14306

Filed: May 6, 2004

For: ACTIVATION OF  
RECOMBINANT DIPHTHERIA TOXIN  
FUSION PROTEINS BY SPECIFIC  
PROTEASES HIGHLY EXPRESSED  
ON THE SURFACE OF TUMOR CELLS

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Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 8 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 14 of this paper.